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Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the subject, particularly resolution 55/219 of 23 December 2000 and resolution 56/125 of 19 December 2001,

Recalling also that, in its resolution 56/125, it decided to establish a working group mandated to make recommendations to the General Assembly on the future operation of the Institute,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Working Group on the Future Operations of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women[1] which, inter alia, reaffirms the mandate of the Institute in the field of gender equality and the advancement of women and stresses the need for it to be reformed and revitalized;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations made by the Working Group on the future operations of the Institute;[2]

3. *Decides* to link the Institute to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, under the direct authority of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs;

4. *Decides also*, in connection with paragraph 3 above, to take the following measures:

(a) To establish a liaison unit of the Institute within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/57/330.

[2] Ibid., para. 57.

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(b) To create the post of Deputy Director with specific fund-raising responsibilities;

(c) To allocate an amount of 500,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations to finance the core activities of the Institute;

(d) To examine the feasibility of establishing an advisory board composed of Member States in order to replace the Board of Trustees;

(e) To maintain the headquarters of the Institute in the Dominican Republic;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to amend the statute of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, where necessary, in order to permit the implementation of the measures contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;

6. *Acknowledges* that the measures contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 above should be undertaken as provided within the context of the Secretary-General's reform programme, as outlined in his report of 14 July 1997[3] and in accordance with the recommendations contained in section VI.D of the report;

7. *Calls upon* the Institute to undertake concrete measures in order to revitalize its activities and to work closely and in a coordinated manner with other United Nations bodies working in the field of gender equality and the advancement of women, particularly the Division for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Commission for the Status of Women;

8. *Urges* the Institute to intensify its fund-raising efforts and to diversify its funding sources to include private foundations, inter-agency and inter-institutional collaborations, among others;

9. *Stresses* the critical importance of voluntary financial contributions by Member States to the United Nations Trust Fund for the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women in order to enable it to carry out its mandate;

10. *Urges* Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund, particularly during the critical transitional period;

11. *Requests* the Secretary General:

(a) To appoint, without delay, a Director to be chosen from among candidates who demonstrate knowledge in, inter alia, gender issues and social research;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

[3] A/51/950.